

Agency 045

**Supreme Court****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2005-07 Expenditure Authority</b>	63.4	12,431		12,431
<b>Supplemental Changes</b>				
Justices' Salary Increase		113		113
Unemployment Compensation		1		1
Additional Staff	.4	37		37
Technical Corrections		(99)		(99)
<b>Subtotal - Supplemental Changes</b>	0.4	52		52
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	63.8	12,483		12,483
Difference	.4	52		52
Percent Change	0.6%	0.4%		0.4%

**SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES****Justices' Salary Increase**

Funding is needed for the Supreme Court Justices' salary and benefit increases adopted by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The revised salary schedule includes adjustments effective September 1, 2005 and 2006.

**Unemployment Compensation**

Pursuant to RCW 50.44.020, the Supreme Court requires funding to reimburse the Employment Security Department for unemployment compensation invoices that remain unpaid.

**Additional Staff**

A new editorial assistant half-time position is added in the Office of Reporter of Decisions to perform a volume of work that, on a per-employee basis, has increased by 37 percent since 1995.

**Technical Corrections**

Salaries for Supreme Court Justices were inadvertently included in the cost-of-living adjustment computation for the 2005-07 biennial budget. This funding is removed.